

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

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Call Sheet

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Links to library information and other helpful websites are included on each slide. Plus, click on any book cover to find the book in the library!





Pan Out

Diversity in Children's Books

Pan Out Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors

Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. **When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror.** Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience. **Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.**



Pan Out #OwnVoices

"#OwnVoices was created as a hashtag by author Corinne Duyvis in September 2015. **It was originally intended as a shorthand book recommendation tool** in a Twitter thread, for readers to recommend books by authors who openly shared the diverse identity of their main characters. The hashtag was never intended to be used in a broader capacity, but it has since expanded in its use to become a 'catch all' marketing term by the publishing industry. Using #OwnVoices in this capacity raises issues due to the vagueness of the term, which has then been used to place diverse creators in uncomfortable and potentially unsafe situations. It is important to use the language that authors want to celebrate about themselves and their characters."

From We Need Diverse Books, June 2021

OCPL's 2021 master book list includes a column for #OwnVoices data when available, to provide consistent data throughout the calendar year in accordance with the term's original intent.



Pan Out Who Can Tell My Story?

My belief is that there is room in the world for all stories, and that everyone has one. My hope is that those who write about the tears and the laughter and the language in my grandmother's house have **first sat down at the table with us** and dipped the bread of their own experiences into our stew.





Training Montage

Resources for Teachers



Training Montage Using the Library

- Search the catalog and place holds online at lincc.org or in the LINCC app
 - Library Hacks video library has more tutorials for using library resources
- Request book recommendations from our staff
- Sign up for an Educator Card for expanded access to books for your classroom
- Talk to your building's media specialist about school library resources



Training Montage

Additional Resources

- [Cooperative Children's Book Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) – statistics on BIPOC books for children going back to 1995
- [We Need Diverse Books](#) – a nonprofit working to produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people, lots of book recommendations on their Twitter feed
- [Diverse BookFinder](#) – database of 2,000+ BIPOC picture books can be searched or browsed by identity



Training Montage

Lesson Plans

- Author websites sometimes have lesson plans for their books
- [NoveList](#) (library card required) has lesson plans for some books
- Coordinate lesson planning with teachers from other schools, Equity Committee may be able to facilitate



Training Montage

Talking to Parents

- If the book is part of the curriculum, it should be tied to a standard
 - Be prepared to identify and share the standard with parents
 - Diverse books are included in Oregon State Standards and the OCSD's Equity Policy
 - Contact Sara Deboy in Teaching & Learning with additional questions
- If the book is part of a classroom library or from the school library, some library-specific concepts may apply
 - OCSD Librarian Doug Stull can answer additional questions

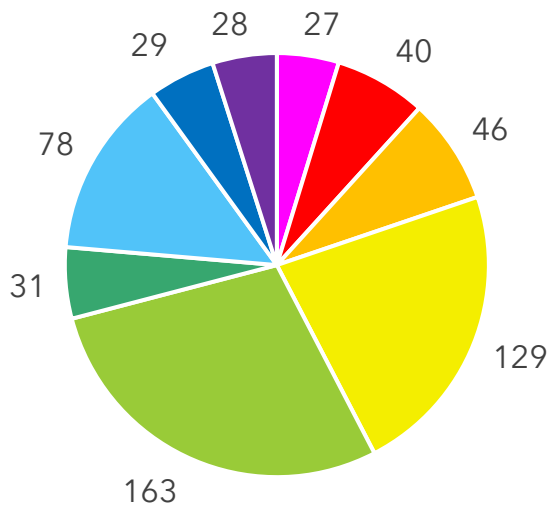




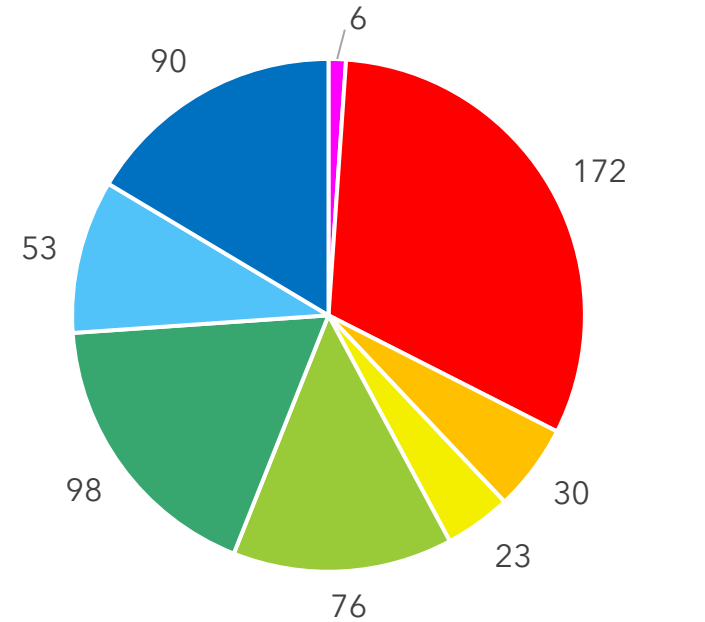
Zoom In

Diverse Identities in Children's Literature

Zoom In Diverse Books 2021 at OCPL



- Citizenship Status
- Disability
- Gender Identity & Sexuality
- Asian & Pacific Islander
- Black
- Indigenous
- Latinx
- Jewish
- Muslim



- Board Book
- Picture Book
- Easy Reader
- Bridging Fiction
- Children's Fiction
- Young Teen Fiction
- Graphic Novel
- Nonfiction



Zoom In Key



Subjects

Library of Congress Subject Headings

Linked to LINCC catalog for easy searching

- Managed by Library of Congress
- Often use outdated terminology
- Individual libraries must use as-is and cannot modify



Book Suggestions

Click on a book cover to find it in the library!



e-book
available

Grades K-2



audiobook
available

Grades 3-5



graphic
novel

Grades 6-8



Spanish
available

Grades 9-12



Awards

Links to book award
lists (if available)



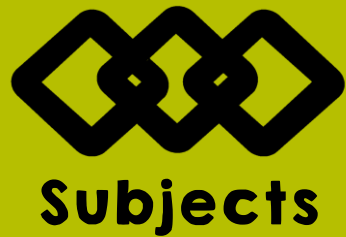
More Lists

Links to library book lists and
other online resources

Master list of K-8 diverse books from 2021 is available at orccity.org/library/diverse-books-2022



Zoom In Citizenship Status



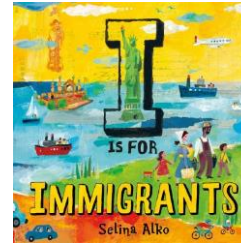
"Illegal aliens"

Immigrant

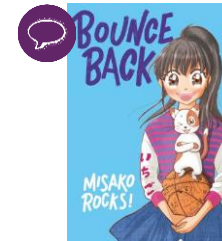
Refugee



**Book
Suggestions**



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

None

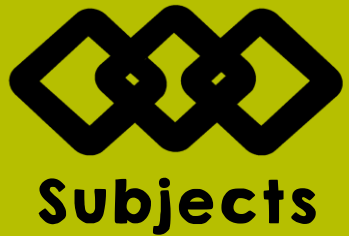


**More
Lists**

LINCC Refugee & Immigrant
Experience Book List



Zoom In Disability



"People with disabilities"

Note: May also be under a type of disability (e.g. blindness or autism), a mobility device (e.g. wheelchair), or include the words disabled or disability



Book Suggestions



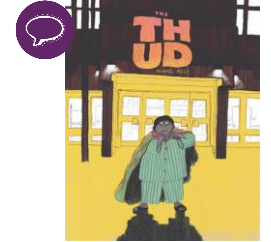
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

Schneider Family Book Award

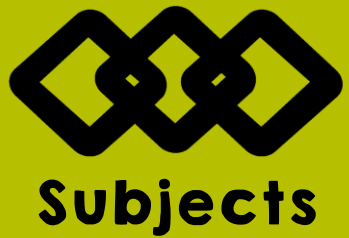


More Lists

Celebrate Disability Pride Month
(OCPL Instagram)



Zoom In Gender Identity & Sexuality

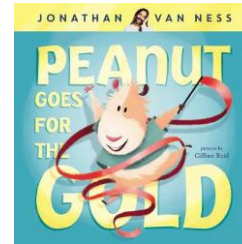


"Gender identity"
"Sexual orientation"

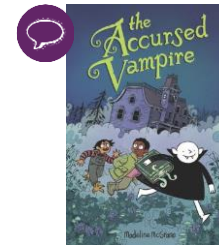
Note: Most books use more specific terminology, but it's currently applied very inconsistently. Other terms to try include homosexuality, bisexuality, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, "gay men", and "intersex people".



**Book
Suggestions**



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

Lambda Literary
Award

Rainbow List

Stonewall Award

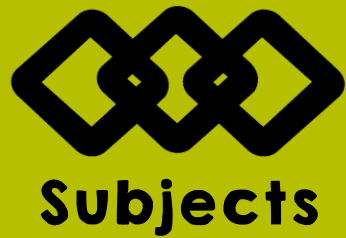


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Lists**

Celebrate Pride
(OCPL Instagram)



Zoom In Income Inequality



"Homeless persons"

Poverty



**Book
Suggestions**



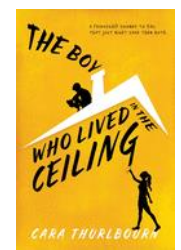
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



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Awards

In the Margins

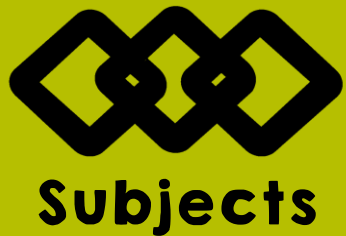


**More
Lists**

None



Zoom In Language (Spanish)



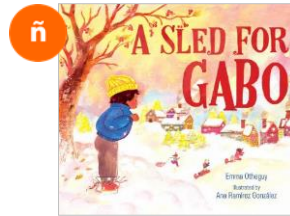
"Spanish language materials"

"Bilingual books"

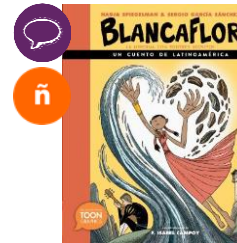
Note: We also have "Russian language materials" and "Braille language materials" at OC. Chinese, Vietnamese, and Ukrainian language materials are available at other LINCC libraries



**Book
Suggestions**



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

Best Spanish Language
Picture Book Award

Note: Many Pura Belpré Award books are available in Spanish or bilingual editions

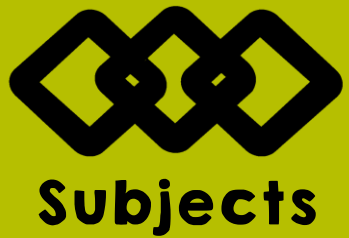


**More
Lists**

None



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: Asian & Pacific Islander

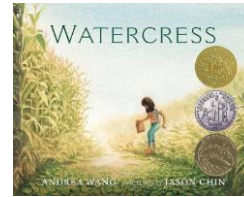


"Asian Americans"

Note: Some records use only more specific terminology. Try Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans, Indian Americans, Japanese Americans, Korean Americans, etc.



Book Suggestions



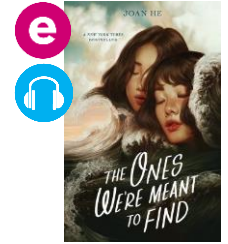
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

Asian/Pacific American
Award for Literature

South Asia Book Award



More Lists

22 Stellar Reads for
AAPI Heritage Month
(School Library Journal)



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: Black

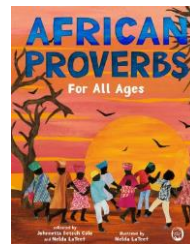


Subjects

"African Americans"



Book Suggestions



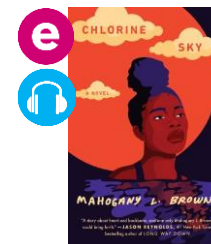
Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



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Awards

Children's Africana Book Award

Coretta Scott King
Award

NAACP Image Award



More Lists

28 Days Later
(The Brown Bookshelf)



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: Indigenous



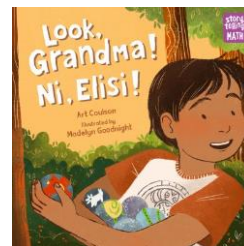
Subjects

"Indians of North America"

Note: Federally-recognized tribes are sovereign nations whose members have dual citizenship status. Books by or about Native Americans should always include the name of a specific tribe in the author's biography and/or source notes.



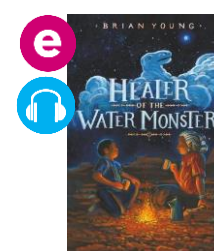
Book Suggestions



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

American Indian Youth Literature Award



More Lists

American Indians in Children's Literature



Zoom In Race & Ethnicity: Latinx



Subjects

"Hispanic Americans"

Note: Note: Some records use only more specific terminology. Try Cuban Americans, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, etc.



Book Suggestions



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Américas Award](#)

[Pura Belpré Award](#)

[Tomás Rivera Book Award](#)

[Reforma Oregon Mock
Belpré Workshop](#)



More Lists

[29 Picture Books to Celebrate
the Latinx Experience](#)
(School Library Journal)



Zoom In Religion: Jewish

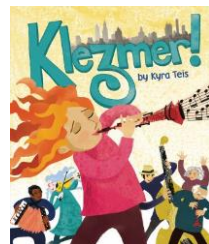


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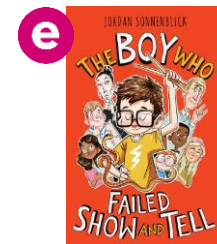
[Jews](#)



Book Suggestions



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

[Sydney Taylor
Book Award](#)



More Lists

Celebrate Jewish
Heritage Month:
[Picture Books](#) & [Chapter Books](#)
(OCPL Instagram)



Zoom In Religion: Muslim



Subjects

Muslim

Islam

Note: While many representations of Muslims in America focus on traditions from the Middle East, there are majority-Muslim countries in central Asia, southeast Asia, and Africa as well.



Book Suggestions



Grades K-2



Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

Arab American
Book Award

Middle East Book
Award



More Lists

Celebrate Middle Eastern & North African Heritage Month:
Picture Books & Chapter Books
(OCPL Instagram)



Zoom In Intersectionality

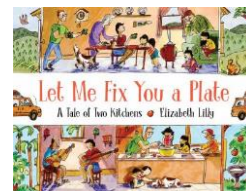


Subjects

Combine search
terms from previous
slides



Book Suggestions



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Grades 3-5



Grades 6-8



Grades 9-12



Awards

Carter G. Woodson
Award

Walter Award



More Lists

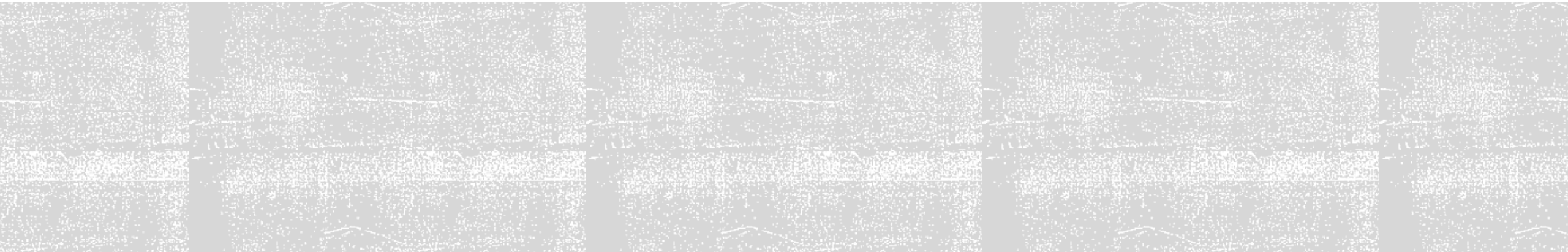
[LINCC Diverse Picture Book List](#)





End Scene

Library Contact Info



End Scene Library Contact Info

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